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“San José Teen Idol!” Returns for a Second Season

Competition During the Month of April Showcases Local Vocal Talent

SAN JOSE, CA.—Do you perform in your school choir or take singing lessons? Does your shower often double as a concert hall? Perhaps friends and family are always telling you “what a great voice you have.” Here’s your chance to share your talent with a wider audience. If you are 12-19 years old—and a resident of San José—then you can compete during the month of April for a chance to win San José Public Library’s “San José Teen Idol” competition! Last year, more than 150 aspiring teen vocalists entered the competition.

Here’s how it works. Each branch library will host its own local neighborhood competition. Contestants will be judged based on vocal ability and stage presence. First, second and third place winners at each location will receive \$50, \$25 and \$10, respectively. First place winners from each branch library will then go on to compete in the Grand Finale at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library on Saturday, May 17 (2:00 - 4:30 p.m.). The winner of this final competition will become the 2008 “San José Teen Idol.”

The “San José Teen Idol” competition is sponsored in honor of National Library Week (April 13-19). Complete rules are available at all San José libraries and online at www.sjlibrary.org/about/events/sj_idol.htm. Please note one important change this year: **you must be a resident of San José to enter**. See below for a complete list of times and locations. Call or stop by today to register for a time slot. For more information, contact your neighborhood library or King Library Youth Services at (408) 808-2183.

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BRANCH LEVEL COMPETITION SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Thu., April 10	Berryessa Branch 3355 Noble Ave., (408) 808-3050	3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Thu., April 10	Rose Garden Branch 1580 Naglee Ave., (408) 808-3070	3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Sat., April 12	Cambrian Branch 1780 Hillsdale Ave., (408) 808-3080	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Sat., April 12	Edenvale Branch 101 Branham Ln. East, (408) 808-3036	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Sat., April 12	Vineland Branch 1450 Blossom Hill Rd., (408) 808-3000	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Fri., April 18	Dr. Roberto Cruz - Alum Rock Branch 3090 Alum Rock Ave., (408) 808-3090	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Sat., April 19	Alviso Branch 5050 N. First St., Alviso, (408) 263-3626	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Sat., April 19	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library 150 E. San Fernando St., (408) 808-2183	3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Sat., April 19	Seventrees Branch 3597 Cas Dr., (408) 629-4535	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Wed., April 23	Calabazas Branch 1230 Blaney Ave., (408) 996-1535	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Thu., April 24	Educational Park Branch 1770 Educational Park Dr., (408) 272-3662	3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Thu., April 24	West Valley Branch 1243 San Tomas Aquino Rd., (408) 244-4747	4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Fri., April 25	Tully Community Branch 880 Tully Rd., (408) 808-3030	3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Sat., April 26	Almaden Branch 6445 Camden Ave., (408) 808-3040	2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Sat., April 26	Biblioteca Latinoamericana Branch 921 S. First St., (408) 294-1237	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Sat., April 26	Evergreen Branch 2635 Aborn Rd., (408) 808-3060	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Sat., April 26	Hillview Branch 1600 Hopkins Dr., (408) 808-3033	1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

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National Library Week

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - participate.

San José Public Library

San José Public Library system (SJPL) is the largest public library system between San Francisco and Los Angeles on the West Coast in California, serving a culturally diverse population of 974,000 in the nation's 10th largest city. Recipient of the prestigious national Library of the Year award, SJPL is recognized across the country for its innovation and leadership in the field and is one of the busiest library systems nationwide, with an annual checkout rate of more than 14 million items.

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